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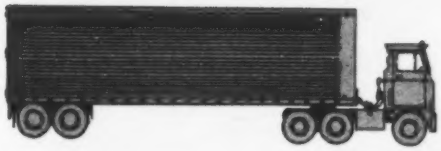

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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AUGUST TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX INCREASES

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage increased 3.6 points (2.7 percent) during August 1980, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index was 137.2p for the month of August, compared to 133.6r for the month of July 1980. The index was 32.5 points (or 19.2 percent) lower than it was in August 1979. The final adjusted index for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Statistical Services Department's monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change chain link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and the variations dues to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region for the latest month (p) are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, August tonnnage increased 2.2 percent compared to revised July and decreased 24.7 percent compared to August of last year.

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PLEASE NOTE: These tonnage index figures are based on month-to-month percentage change figures. This chain link is then adjusted seasonally and for trading days according to formulate supplied yearly by the Department of Commerce. for more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index see the ATA Department of Economics "Motor Carrier Special Report" of September 1977.

UNADJUSTED AUGUST TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	Cos.	August 1980p	August 1979f	Percent Change 8/80p over 8/79f	July 1980r	Percent Change 8/80p over 7/80r
New England	20	254,943	317,265	-19.6	259,380	-1.7
Middle Atlantic	41	936,909	1,195,270	-21.6	917,823	+2.1
Central	58	1,709,855	2,597,029	-34.2	1,665,132	+2.7
Southern	47	1,670,682	2,099,717	-20.4	1,612,387	+3.6
Northwestern	9	266,125	359,625	-26.0	249,630	+6.6
Midwestern	24	407,683	553,744	-26.4	403,673	+1.0
Southwestern	14	818,543	1,052,642	-22.2	840,758	-2.6
Rocky Mountain	12	246,097	268,520	- 8.4	226,627	+8.6
Pacific	10	453,715	538,968	-15.8	440,836	+2.9
Total	235	6,764,552	8,982,780	-24.7	6,616,246	+2.2

INDEX COMPARISONS

	August 1980	July 1980	June 1980	August 1979	Monthly %Change 7/80 / 6/80	Monthly %Change 8/80 / 7/80	Yearly %Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	137.2P	133.6R	140.1F	169.7F	-4.6R	+2.7P	-19.2P
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	133.2P	130.3R	143.2F	178.7F	-9.0R	+2.2P	-25.5P
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	140.5	139.8	141.7	152.1	-1.3	+0.5	- 7.6
Manufacturers (total)	138.9	138.2	140.3	152.4	-1.5	+0.5	- 8.9
Nondurable	154.0	153.4	155.3	164.3	-1.2	+0.4	- 6.3
Durable	128.4	127.6	129.9	144.2	-1.8	+0.6	-11.0
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	325.8	321.1	309.7	306.7	+3.7	+1.5	+ 6.2
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	249.0	246.6	242.6	217.3	+1.7	+1.0	+14.6
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	249.4	247.8	247.6	221.1	+0.1	+0.7	+12.8

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[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly wholesale Price Index).

[4]Goods and Services.